GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to use optical fibre cable for the expansion of telephone services in Delhi and other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Dr. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of expansion plan of BSNL and MTNL for Optical Fibre Cable during the year 2004-05 is at Annexure.

(c) For the current financial year, BSNL has planned to lay 18,000 Km. of Optical Fibre Cable for the expansion of telephone services in all the States and MTNL has fixed a target of 20,000 fibre Kms. in Delhi and Mumbai.

ANNEXURE

OFC Plan of BSNL for 2004-05

Sl.No.	STATE	OFC Plan (in K.M.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1150
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	25
3.	Assam	575
4.	Bihar	700
5.	Jharkhand	500
6.	Gujarat	1000
7.	Haryana	475
8.	Himachal Pradesh	300
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	200
10.	Karnataka	900
11.	Kerala	700

12.	Madhya Pradesh	800
13.	Chattisgarh	475
14.	Maharashtra	1200
15.	Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura	966
16.	Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland	1099
17.	Orissa	475
18.	Punjab	950
19.	Rajasthan	875
20.	Tamil Nadu	1650
21.	Uttar Pradesh	1450
22.	Uttaranchal	300
23.	West Bengal and Sikkim	1235
TOTAL		18,000

OFC Plan of MTNL for 2004-05

1. Delhi 10,000

2. Mumbai 10,000

TOTAL 20,000